



Question: I am certifying this mom as Breastfeeding, but I cannot get the Breastfeeding food package because the babies are in the hospital so I can't certify them.

Answer

The first part of this answer is policy related.

Yes, you **can** certify the infants while they are still in the hospital!!! Read policy [CRT 03.01.00 Exceptions to Being Physically Present](#), but here are a few key points:

- The nurse or dietitian needs to approve the exception. (See policy for approvable situations.)
- Medical data may be obtained from health care providers outside the WIC agency, but must be taken not more than 60 days before the certification appointment and reflect the current category. (i.e, ask the caregiver to bring something from the hospital with the most recent weight and length for the baby. If the certification is very soon after birth and there are no more recent measures, you might have to use birth data from the hospital.)
- For a hospitalized client, do not issue food benefits for the client not physically present until they are discharged.

The second part of this answer is KWIC related.

- Include in KWIC note why the applicant is not present and that the exception is approved by "XYZ". This can be part of the regular certification note or it might be entered when the appointment was made. We would still expect that the certification note would be extensive enough to include why the applicant was not present as part documenting the current situation, plan for dismissal, etc.
- On the Anthropometrics tab, be sure to note the source of the measures.
- On the "Complete WIC Certification" pop up at the end of the certification, change the "Is the client physically present?" answer from the default "Yes" to "No" and add the reason.

Complete WIC Certification

Client **Preterm Banana**
Birth Date **01/03/2017**

Client is risk eligible. If you press **SAVE**, the client will be certified for WIC.

Recorded	Note	Assigned Risk
01/12/2017	Infant Born to WIC Eligible Woman	
01/12/2017	Low Birth Weight	
01/12/2017	Prematurity	

Is the client physically present? ☐ Yes ☒ No If Not, Describe Reason

WIC Category Eligibility Begin Eligibility End Priority

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